

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

VIRTUAL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez (*joined the meeting virtually*)

Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adriana Rodarte.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members joining virtually.

ALL SPEAKERS WILL JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE AND WILL BE
ACKNOWLEDGED BY MAYOR GARCIA.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2020.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2020 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.**
CHARLES CASIANO
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MARCH 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 2, 3, 4, 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12A 13, 13A, 13A2, 14 AND 14A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.** **JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number sixteen to be next*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Virtual Presentation was made by Tella Cabrera from SBNG.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESCHEDULING THE MAY 2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION TO MONDAY JULY 6 THRU FRIDAY JULY 10, 2020 FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020 AT THE CHAYO APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER.**

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FY 2020 WEST TEXAS HIDTA PROGRAM AND ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MASTER SIDEWALK PLAN.**

MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve*

Michael Medina, City Planner made a virtual presentantion

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Half Build with a cap of \$400,000*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PREPARE AGREEMENT OPTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LIFT STATION WITHIN THE MAURO ROSAS PARK.
MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve*.

Jim Martinez virtually made a recommendation to move this item to Executive Session.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move items fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) into Executive Session after the agenda to consult with counsel and deliberate real estate matters*.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A TIRE SHOP ON LOT 8, BLOCK 2, POOLE SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 10881 ALAMEDA AVE. TO ALLOW A TIRE SHOP.

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE A SUPPORT LETTER FOR CONGRESSWOMAN VERONICA ESCOBAR TO ADVOCATE FOR FLEXIBILITY IN FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY AND CITIES TO INCLUDE LOST REVENUE, FUNDING TO MUNICIPALITIES WITH LESS THAN 500,000 PEOPLE AND TO EXTEND THE FUNDING PERIOD BEYOND THE END OF THE YEAR. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 617 PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (EPMPO) REGIONAL MOBILITY STRATEGY (RMS 2020). RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OBTAINING AND RELEASING THE NUMBER OF AREA RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH COVID 19. RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve*

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

No action on this item.

WORKSHOP

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS ARTICLES III
SECTION 3.07 THROUGH SECTION 3.16. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone for next regular council meeting*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move into Executive Session at this time to discuss items fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) to consult with counsel and deliberate on real estate matters*.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:27
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:39 PM

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PREPARE AGREEMENT OPTIONS FOR
THE INSTALLATION OF A LIFT STATION WITHIN THE MAURO ROSAS
PARK. *MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *direct staff to pursue the lease agreement as discussed in executive session*.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
DECLARING A DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
AND IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF
PEOPLE AND THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES; PENALTY AS
PROVIDED IN SECTION 7. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve as aligned with the county*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

25. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 8:42 pm*.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved